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SUMMARY: DURING CALL ON AMBASSADOR JUNE 20, WESTINGHOUSE CHAIRMAN ROBERT E. KIRBY SAID HE WILL BE MEETING SOVIET MINISTERS ANTONOV (ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT INDUSTRIES) AND KROTOV (POWER MACHINE BUILDING) WHILE IN MOSCOW TO ATTEND ELEKTRO-77 INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION AND FORTHCOMING WORLD ELECTROTECHNICAL CONGRESS. ANTONOV HAS INDICATED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN DISCUSSING SEMI-CONDUCTORS. KIRBY TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT WESTINGHOUSE ACCREDITATION WITH STATE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SCST) HAS BEEN PENDING TWO YEARS, PERHAPS BECAUSE WESTINGHOUSE HAS BEEN COOL TO SCST SUGGESTIONS FOR DETAILED COOPERATION WITH SOVIET STATE COMMITTEE FOR THE UTILIZATION OF ATOMIC ENERGY. END SUMMARY.

1. KIRBY, WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED TO MEETING BY EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT S. HERWALD AND VICE PRESIDENT/AREA DIRECTOR FOR USSR WALTER S. MAKUSH, STATED THAT THE MINISTRY OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT INDUSTRIES HAD BEEN TAKING GOOD CARE OF THE WESTINGHOUSE OFFICIALS. ALTHOUGH SCST CHAIRMAN KIRILLIN AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE PATOLICHEV WERE IN FRANCE WITH THE BREZHNEV PARTY, HE WOULD BE MEETING WITH MINISTERS
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ANTONOV AND KROTOV, AS WELL AS WITH SCST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN GVISHIANI AND DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE SUSHKOV. MAKUSH, WHO HAS BEEN DIRECTING THE WESTINGHOUSE EXHIBIT AT ELEKTRO-77, MENTIONED THAT ANTONOV HAD DEMONSTRATED MUCH INTEREST IN SEMI-CONDUCTORS AND WISHED TO GET TOGETHER ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. KIRBY, REVIEWING WESTINGHOUSE BUSINESS ACTIVITIES IN THE USSR, STATED THAT UP TO THE PRESENT WESTINGHOUSE HAS MADE ABOUT \$30 MILLION IN SALES, MAINLY FOR THE KAMA RIVER FOUNDRY. HE INDICATED THAT WESTINGHOUSE FOR OVER TWO YEARS HAS BEEN SEEKING ACCREDITATION WITH THE SCST. WHEN THE AMBASSADOR INQUIRED WHY ACCREDITATION HAD NOT BEEN GRANTED, MAKUSH STATED THAT THE SCST WANTS WESTINGHOUSE TO GET INTO DETAILED DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SOVIET ATOMIC ENERGY "MINISTRY" (STATE COMMITTEE), WHEREAS WESTINGHOUSE PREFERS TO RECEIVE PAYMENT FOR ITS WORK.

3. CONCERNING MFN TREATMENT FOR USSR, AMBASSADOR COMMENTED THAT WHEN SOVIETS RAISE THIS SUBJECT WITH US, WE MENTION THAT THE ATTITUDE OF CONGRESS, WHICH WILL BE DECISIVE, IS AFFECTED BY SOVIET BEHAVIOR. HE SUGGESTED TO KIRBY THAT US BUSINESSMEN CAN HELP US GET THIS POINT ACROSS WHEN THE SUBJECT IS BROACHED TO THEM BY SOVIET OFFICIALS. KIRBY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE NOT MADE THINGS EASIER FOR THEMSELVES IN THIS RESPECT BY THEIR DETENTION AND INTERROGATION OF LOS ANGELES TIMES CORRESPONDENT TOTH. TOON

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